

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants have carefully considered this Application in connection with the Examiner's Action and respectfully request reconsideration of this Application in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

The Applicants submitted Claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-19 in the previous Amendment. The Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 11. Accordingly, Claims 1-3, 5-13, and 15-19 are currently pending in the Application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 5-13 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoo (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0185919) in view of Rydbeck (U.S. Patent No. 5,590,417).

Amended Claim 1 is generally directed to a communication subscriber device. The communication subscriber device comprises a subscriber basic unit and an audio/speaking unit, detachably interengageable with the subscriber basic unit, that provides audio and speaking functionality for the subscriber basic unit. The subscriber basic unit comprises a charging station for the audio/speaking unit. The audio/speaking unit is detachably interengageable with a **front** face of the subscriber basic unit. (Emphasis added)

As discussed previously, Yoo is generally directed to a phone handset having a speaker and a microphone which are connected by a flexible connector to form a connected unit, wherein the connected unit is detachable from the handset to form a headset. (See Abstract.)

Rydbeck is generally directed to:

a radiotelephone which includes a multifunctional headset that operates in two different modes. According to a first mode, the headset may be mounted on a radiotelephone body where it serves as a speaker and microphone for the radiotelephone. Also, the headset can be separated from the body of the portable radiotelephone and placed on the head of the user. In this mode of operation, the headset receives and transmits signals from and to the radiotelephone body during a call, thus providing hands-free operation. The headset can be attached to a user's head by an ear clip. The headset and body may include low power RF transceivers. ... The battery may be recharged whenever the headset is fixed to the radiotelephone. (*See Abstract.*)

However, Yoo in combination with Rydbeck does not disclose or suggest a subscriber basic unit comprising a charging station for an audio/speaking unit that is detachably interengageable with a **front** face of the subscriber basic unit as is claimed in Claim 1.

Instead, in Yoo, a detachable connected unit 107 having a detachable speaker 101 and a detachable microphone 103 of a phone handset 100. The phone handset 100 can include a molded cavity conforming to the size/ shape/ dimensions of the detachable connected unit 107 for mounting the connected unit therein. (*See* [0027]). However, Yoo fails to teach a subscriber basic unit comprising a charging station for an audio/speaking unit, as is claimed in amended independent Claim 1. (*See* Examiner's Action, page 2.)

In Rydbeck, as is illustrated in FIG. 2b and FIG. 2c, and FIGs. 3a, 3b and 3c, a headset 110 couples to radiotelephone body 120 through releasable clasps 130 that are engage to a *side* of radiotelephone 120, but not a **front face** of radiotelephone 120. This is unlike the present invention of amended independent Claim 1, wherein a subscriber basic unit comprises a charging station for an audio/speaking unit that is detachably interengageable with a **front face** of the subscriber basic unit.

One of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine Yoo with Rydbeck to render amended Claim 1 obvious, at least because the headset 110 of Rydbeck engages to a *side* of the radiotelephone 120 of Rydbeck.

Yoo, individually or in combination with Rydbeck, fails to teach or suggest the invention recited in independent Claim 1 and its dependent claims, when considered as a whole. For similar reasons, Yoo, individually or in combination with Rydbeck, fails to teach or suggest the invention recited in independent Claim 11 and its dependent claims, when considered as a whole. Claims 1-3, 5-13, and 15-19 are therefore not obvious in view of Yoo and Rydbeck.

In view of the foregoing remarks, the cited references do not support the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-13, and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). The Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejection.


II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the claims currently pending in this Application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-3, 5-13, and 15-19.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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